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Manassas Man Pleads Guilty to Failure to Pay Income Taxes

(Alexandria, VA) - Anthony G. Lee, age 42, of Manassas, Virginia, pled guilty before United States Magistrate Judge Liam O'Grady to charges that he failed to file income tax returns for the tax years 2003, 2004, and 2005. Chuck Rosenberg, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia, and Charles R. Pine, Special Agent-in-Charge for the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Criminal Investigation, also announced that Lee faces up to one year imprisonment, a \$100,000 fine, and term of supervised release for each count when he is sentenced on February 13, 2007.

Lee was an independent contractor for Marriott International who performed construction consulting services for the hotel chain. In 2003, Lee formed WWC, LLC, a Nevada Limited Liability Company, and instructed Marriott International to make payments to him through that business entity. Lee then deposited the checks made out to WWC, LLC into a bank account that he controlled and used the funds in that account in order to pay for personal expenses. Over the three year period, Lee received \$356,000 in compensation for work performed. Lee failed to report that income to the IRS, resulting in a \$76,853.50 loss to the government.

This case was investigated by the Internal Revenue Service's Criminal Investigation special agents. Assistant United States Attorney Timothy D. Belevetz and Trial Attorney Jill M. Cassara of the Tax Division, U.S. Department of Justice, prosecuted the case for the United States.